An Internet romance results in a Renaissance wedding at sunset for Emily and Scott

"Something in his photo attracted my attention" confessed Emily Howe, when she describes the beginnings of her romance with Scott Shold, after seeing his photo on the AOL matchmaking service, "and then I discovered he was a smart, laid-back kind of guy." Though they lived only two hours apart in Illinois, it took Emily and Scott nine months of internet correspondence to finally decide to meet in person, and four years later, they were in Aruba with family and friends to be joined in marriage on the beach at the Renaissance Aruba Resort. Not only smart and laid-back, it seems Scott is also a very romantic kind of guy, choosing to propose to Emily while they were floating in a gondola during a vacation at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas.

Emily and Scott married in the late afternoon in a civil ceremony at the town hall, then followed with a spiritual blessing at sunset witnessed by Linda's parents, Edward and Linda, and Scott's father Alan and his mother Denise with her husband Gary. Emily's sister, Sarah Neill stood at the alter with her as matron of honor. There were plenty of tissues in use by the gathering as their voices choked with emotion while reciting their vows and tears came to their eyes. They made their promises of love and unity, and support while allowing each other personal freedom and growth as the sun dipped below the horizon, then shared quite a few kisses as they were declared husband and wife, and partners in life.

Afterwards, the entire company of friends and family enjoyed a lively wedding dinner at the MooMba Beach Bar and Restaurant, where Scott and Emily could kick off their matching sandals with special soles that left an imprint of "Just Married" in the sand, and enjoy their first dance as man and wife.

The couple and their family particularly express gratitude to Angela Hagadoorn, Wedding Arranger of the Renaissance Banquet services for doing what they consider "a magnificent job."

Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Shold, we wish you many happy years of instant messaging!